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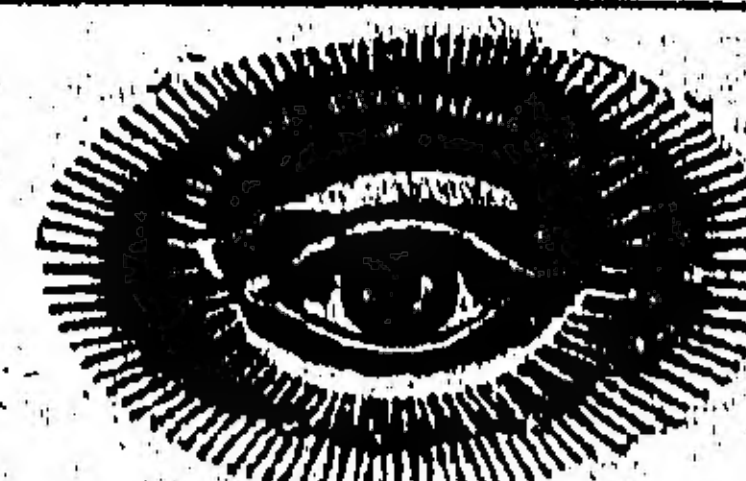
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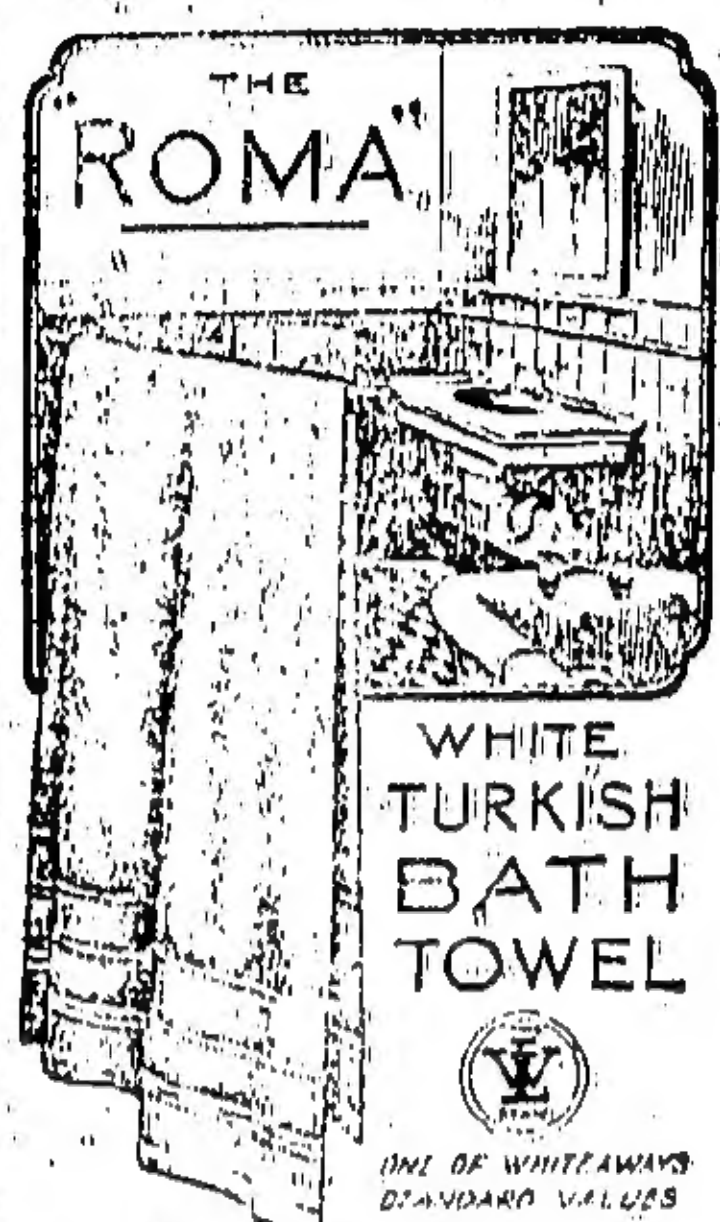
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MORE MARINES.

America Now Taking No Chances.

Washington, March 28. The Navy Department announces that in view of the threatening position at Shanghai, Admiral Williams is concentrating there all the ships which can be spared from other points.

Developments in China during the week-end have in nowise lessened the anxiety of officials here. The mobilisation of additional marine units is proceeding speedily.

The 1,500 Marines who were ordered to China on Saturday are now being mobilised at Philadelphia, Puenteo and elsewhere.

They will probably sail next week from San Diego in the transport "Henderson," which is heading to San Diego from Nicaragua.

This composite force, which will be known as the Sixth Regiment of Marines, will be commanded by Colonel Harold Snyder, who has a distinguished record in the Philippines and France.

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CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

Attacks on American Women.

Peking, March 28. An official message from Nanking says that examination of the depositions and statements of reliable American witnesses proves that among the serious outrages committed by the Nationalist soldiers were at least two cases of attempted criminal assault against American women and several other cases only a shade less serious.

Closing of Consulates. Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, has authorised the Legation to instruct the closing of the Consulates at Changsha and Chungking and the withdrawal of the gunboats therefrom as soon as an adequate opportunity has been given for the remaining Americans to withdraw.

Earlier Messages. Washington, March 27. The latest message from Admiral Williams to the Navy Department describes the situation at Shanghai as "very tense," and informs the Department that additional American forces have been landed to assist in the defence of the Settlement against the threatened outbreaks of mob violence.—Reuter's American Service.

PRESERVING ORDER.

Chiang To Visit American Admiral.

The following wireless messages have been received by the local naval authorities:

The situation at Shanghai is quiet.

Admiral Li visited Admiral Williams, on the U.S.S. flagship "Pittsburg" yesterday and informed him that General Chiang Kai-shek wished to call to-day (Tuesday) and discuss arrangements for the preservation of order in Shanghai and districts.

An interview was granted for 10 a.m. It is to be attended with no ceremony and no return visit will

be paid by Admiral Williams (as is the case between officials of recognised Powers).

Commune in Shanghai.

The Commune (People's Executive) established by agitators in Shanghai native city has been recognised by the Central Executive of the Kuomintang at Hankow.

H.M.S. "Cricket" is reported at Woosung off Chang Wah Tang. R.M.S. "Argus" keeping in touch. The "Cricket" was last reported on its way to Nanking with a merchant convoy.

All foreign women and children have now been evacuated from Wuhu and the men have been concentrated in a British hulk (lighter go-down in the river).

Wuhu Boycott Threat. The situation at Wuhu is uncertain. Food is becoming increasingly difficult to get and a boycott is threatened.

A Spanish Bishop and priests who were advised to evacuate have declined to do so.

The situation at Nanking is more normal and ships which during the last few days been subjected to rifle fire are now unmolested.

A Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has been appointed at Nanking and is reported to be calling on board H.M.S. "Emerald."

Nanking Shops Reopen.

Shops in Nanking City have been re-opened, but conditions in Hankow are still uncertain, and firing is occasionally taking place.

The British Consul-General and certain British members of the Customs staff and business firms remain on board H.M.S. "Emerald."

Firing on steamers below Nanking at Kiangyan, Tanchow and Vine Pass continues.

Chinese Pay Compensation. The negotiations at Kiukiang following the commandeering of the British s.s. "Kiang Wo" are the election of Chinese soldiers by H.M.S. "Wild Swan" have resulted in the payment by the Chinese of \$6,500 as compensation.

The naval authorities, in consequence of the settlement, have returned to the Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs the arms and ammunition seized when the soldiers were turned off the ship and have also released political agents whom they detained at the time.

The situation is quiet at Chungking, information as to the Nanking affair having been communicated to officials by the Consul.

There is increasing Extremist activity in spite of the officials' directions for its suppression and the protection of foreigners.

Soldiers as "Visitors." Chinese soldiers boarded a British steamer at Shanghai. When H.M.S. "Cockenot" went alongside they disembarked, remarking that they were only "visitors."

All foreign banks at Hankow remain closed. The situation is unsettled.

The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has left for Shanghai.

The river at Hankow is rising, the lowest depth below Hankow being 20.9 feet.

All is quiet at Ningpo.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 13/16

MORE RIOTS.

Ugly Developments In Singapore.

TROOPS PATROL STREETS.

Singapore, March 28. There have been serious developments in connection with the police shootings mentioned on March 18.

There have been ugly clashes between the mob and police. Consequently troops with rifles and Lewis guns are patrolling the streets to-night.—Reuter.

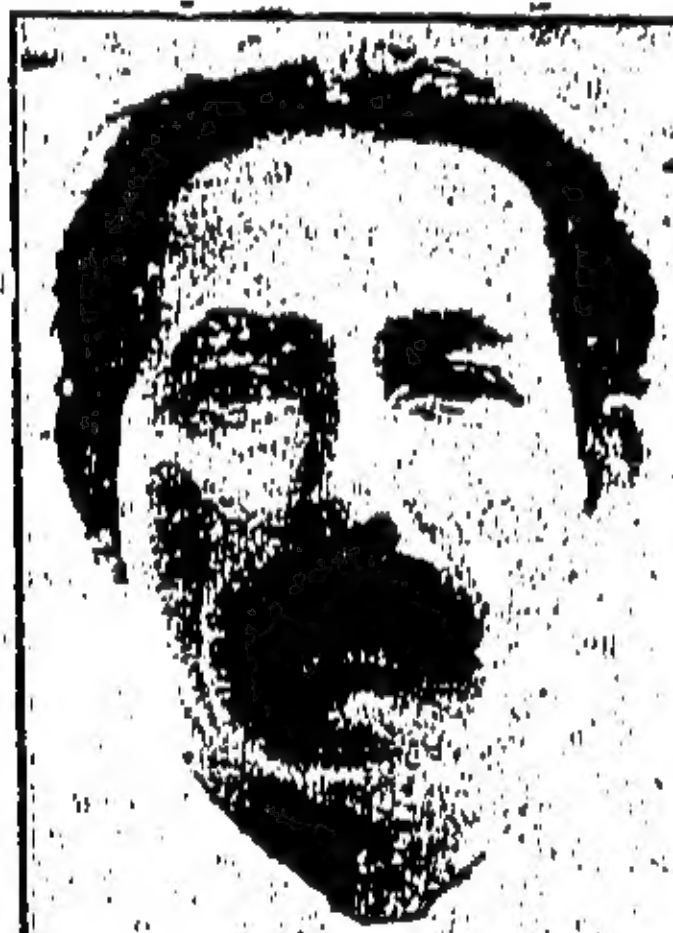
A Singapore cable dated March 18 stated:—The police fired twice, killing six Chinese and injuring eleven, when crowds got out of hand arising out of the excitement attending a demonstration to celebrate the anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. A large party of night scholars, who marched in procession, blocked the traffic. A European police inspector and two constables trying to clear the congestion were assaulted and compelled to use their truncheons. The mob later attempted to rush a police station and an inspector was severely wounded in the head, whereupon the police fired.

COMRADE BORODIN.

Gone to Shanghai or Kiukiang?

THE NATIONALIST "SPLIT."

Of more interest, perhaps, than M. Borodin's reported departure from Hankow down river—either for Shanghai or Kiukiang—is the announcement emanating from Chinese sources in Canton that



M. Borodin, High Adviser to the Kuomintang.

General Tang Seng-chi has declared his allegiance to General Chiang Kai-shek.

General Tang commands the 8th Nationalist Army and is the "strong man" in Hupeh and Hunan provinces.

Reports current a week ago that he had thrown in his lot with a clique of politicians hostile to General Chiang Kai-shek appeared to be borne out by the appearance of his name in the newly elected councils, said to be the result of a move by Mr. George Hsu Chien (Minister of Justice) who is believed to be working closely with Borodin.

"Keeping in Touch." Messages received from Canton late last night were to the effect that Borodin and Hsu Chien had suddenly left Hankow. Their destination is supposed to be Shanghai, with the object of keeping in the closest touch with the "mass movement agitation" in the native city and environs of Shanghai. On the other hand, some say that Borodin and Hsu are bound for Kiukiang (in Kiangsi province, and till a few days ago the base of Chiang Kai-shek) where they will attempt to extend their influence. However, it is definitely established—the report concludes—that these two leaders of the pro-Communist section of the Kuomintang have left Hankow.

Protect Foreigners. A Canton vernacular paper to hand yesterday evening reproduced a despatch alleged to have been received by the Canton Arsenal from Hankow, to the effect that General Tang Seng-chi has openly declared himself in favour of a "united military com-

NANKING OUTRAGES.

"Strongest Possible Protests" Lodged.

YANGTSE DANGERS.

British Government and Shanghai's Future.

The Nanking outrages, Yangtse dangers and Shanghai's future were all mentioned in Parliament yesterday when the Foreign Secretary answered a series of questions about China.



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PROTEST TO MR. CHEN.

British Foreign Secretary's Statement.

Rugby, March 28.

In the House of Commons to-day, the Foreign Secretary was asked about the outrages on British nationals at Nanking, the looting of the British Consulate and firing upon the British flag.

He related the events at Nanking as already reported in the British official wireless. He said Mr. Teichman, the British representative at Hankow, saw Mr. Eugene Chen, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, on March 25, and again on March 26 and lodged with him the strongest possible protest against these unprecedented outrages reported to be the work of soldiers of the Nationalist armies.

Sir Austen Chamberlain added that according to information he had received he had not the least doubt that the timely communication with the warships and their timely action alone saved the lives of citizens of British and American nationalities.

Deeds Not Words.

A member asked whether the Commander-in-Chief of the Cantonese forces had specifically stated that in his opinion the looting and outrages were committed by Northern troops.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had seen that statement, but information derived from American and British sources was to the contrary.

Another member asked whether the guarantee of General Chiang Kai-shek was a guarantee upon which the British Government could safely rely.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that in the anarchical conditions which prevailed in many parts of China it was impossible to say we could rely with safety upon these guarantees. We must watch what happened and judge, not

according to professions, but to performances.

Yangtse Dangers. Commander Kenworthy (Labour) asked whether, in view of the offensive at Nanking, was it now proposed to evacuate the remainder of the British nationals in other parts of the Yangtse Valley.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that that was a matter for consideration, but he did not think it desirable that he should issue instructions from here. The matter should be decided nearer.

Asked whether he was aware of the uneasiness prevailing among British nationals at Hankow owing to the failure of the Cantonese to maintain order in the Concession, Sir Austen Chamber-

BRITISH CABINET.

Two Hours' Meeting on China Yesterday.

London, March 28. Before going to Chequers on Saturday, the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, warned his colleagues that the situation in China would probably necessitate a special Cabinet meeting to-day.

Messages since received by the Admiralty from the Yangtze were communicated to Mr. Baldwin yesterday, and the Cabinet sat for two hours to-day.—Reuter.

lain said he was informed that the position at Hankow had recently again been strained. Chinese troops had been stopping and threatening British residents, and had tried to prevent access to and from ships and men-of-war.

Mr. Chen's Regrets.

Representations had been made to Mr. Eugene Chen who had expressed his regrets, and the Cantonese soldiers had now been withdrawn from the Concession. The British Consul-General and naval authorities were taking what steps were in their judgment necessary for the security of British subjects.

Was the Foreign Secretary aware, inquired Sir Clement Kinloch Cooke (Conservative), that the Hankow agreement had had no beneficial effects whatever but rather the contrary?

Sir Austen Chamberlain said personally he would not at this stage pronounce final judgment on the agreement. Obviously when the agreement was signed in good faith by the British Government and Mr. Eugene Chen it must be judged by results.

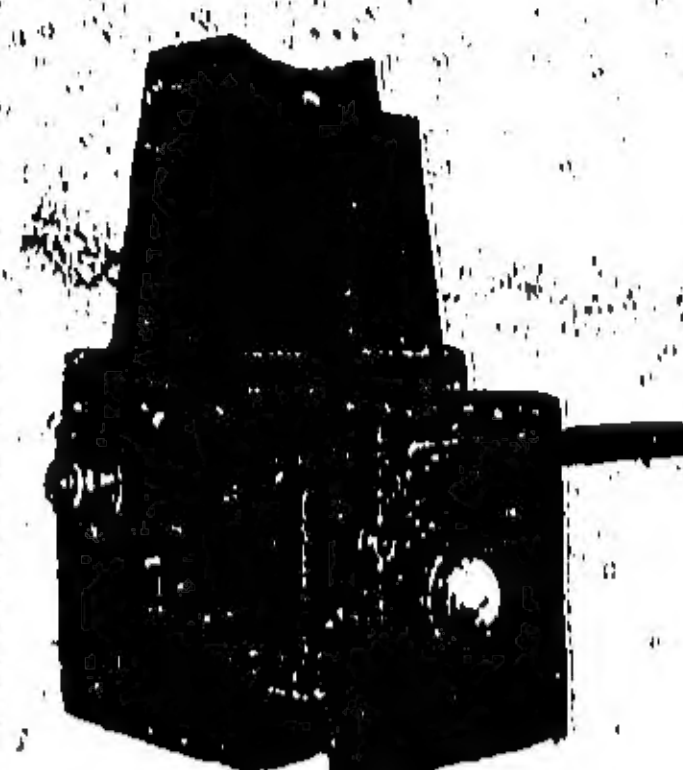
Shanghai's Future. Sir Austen Chamberlain was then questioned about the future of Shanghai. He declared that no negotiations regarding the International Settlement were in progress at the present, nor was it possible to negotiate fruitfully in the present anarchical conditions.

He observed that the future of the Settlement could only be determined in consultation with the other Powers interested. Moreover we had dealt in the most

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NOTICES.

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- (1)—To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
- (2)—To elect the Officers and Committee for the Ensuing Year.
- (3)—To transact any other Business of which due Notice has been given.

All Members are requested to attend.

L. M. WHITE,
Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1927.

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DIA DA BOA IMPRENSA IN HONG KONG.

SUNDAY'S CELEBRATION.

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- 2.—Alcunhao: Sr. F. P. de Vasconcelos Soares.
- 3.—Flore Gentile, G. Calamanti: Sr. E. Goulart de Aquino.
- 4.—Marcha Hawallana: Srs. A. Baptista, A. Rodrigues e A. Vaz.
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- 10.—Guarany, Gomes: Sr. G. de Aquino.
- 11.—Calm as the night, Carl Gotto: Srs. B. e C. de Aquino.
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Queremos Deus.
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Mdlle. Aurea Baptista played the piano with enthusiasm and good touch whilst Messrs. A. Baptista, A. Rodrigues and A. Vaz, as well as Mr. Goulart de Aquino and his son Gastao de Aquino and the members of the Chorus under the direction of Rays, Father Riganti and Granall performed very well the music both vocal and instrumental entrusted to them.

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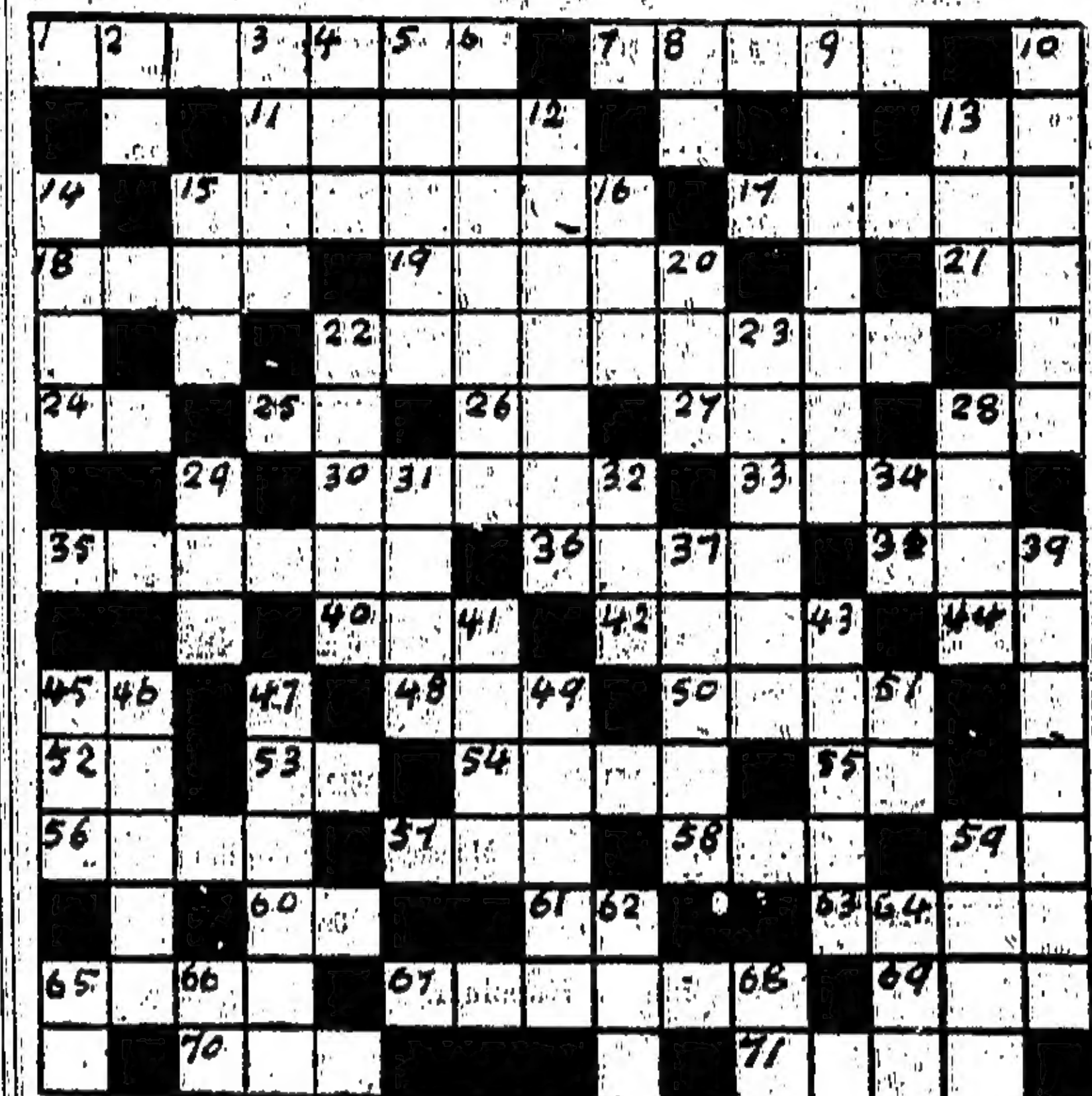
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7. Nimble.
11. Soil.
13. OE (actual).
15. A medicine used for neuralgias.
17. To rebuke.
18. To desire.
19. Weight used for precious stones.
21. DU (actual).
22. A band for the waist.
24. Towards.
25. An exclamation of joy.
26. TU (actual).
27. To perish.
28. "P".
30. Mouldy.
33. A large plant with a woody trunk.
35. A disease of the skin.
36. Every one separately considered.
38. A clump.
40. NER (actual).
42. A titled man.
44. Thank you!
45. SG (actual).
48. A quadruped's parent.
50. The rainbow.
52. Alternative.
53. Company (abbrev.).
54. A thin covering.
55. To perform.
56. To throw out.
57. To place.
58. Look!
59. Father.
60. Word of negotiation.
64. ED (actual).
65. The back part.
66. A circular motion.
67. To be busy about trifles.
69. The last point.
70. To employ.
71. Grief.

Clues Down.

2. We.
3. Any critical trial.
4. To kok up.
5. Scientific name for heath.
6. Difficulties.
8. Present of "Be."
9. A tormentor of political candidates.
10. To degrade.
12. Shaggy.
13. Ancient.
14. A piece of ground.
15. A timber tree.
16. NAT (actual).
20. Torpedo boat destroyer (abbrev.).
22. Of the feminine sex.
23. One or the other.
28. Food.
29. Practical skill.
31. Employed.
32. To yelp.
34. EP (actual).
37. CEILS (actual).
39. A short rope used for fastening articles.
41. To be mad.
43. One mounted on horseback.
45. The sun.
46. Meat juice.
47. Views.
49. Measured.
51. In this manner.
58. A piece of glass.
62. DDS (actual).
64. A snake like fish.
65. To proceed.
68. RD (actual).
69. Editor (abbrev.).

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PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers for Hong Kong by the "President Hayes" from San Francisco, Kobe and Shanghai, arrived March 28, were:—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Chollot, Miss Ferguson, Mr. G. B. George, Mr. Liang Hing-lum, Mr. J. A. Pratt, Mr. T. B. Wilson, Mrs. M. S. Wood, Mr. T. Zunsteg.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on March 27 by the "President Madison" from Manila, were:—Mr. P. Arzumians, Mr. S. C. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. B. and Mrs. J. Barcelon, Rev. Bro. Basil-Han, Mr. H. L. Bixby, Mr. M. Bourne, Mrs. M. E. Caldwell, Mrs. V. M. Church, Mr. L. D. Rio, Mr. L. Garcia, Mr. M. O. Hudson, Miss J. Jausay, Mr. J. Kazahaya, Mrs. H. S. Kerrick, Mr. S. Kitagawa, Mr. B. P. Lilienthal, Mrs. A. McCready, Mr. A. Martinez, Mrs. A. M. Miller, Mr. P. Montague, Mr. E. Munson, Mr. Ng Gim, Mr. Sin Wing, Mr. G. E. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weill, Mr. S. P. Williamson, Mr. Woo Chok-yue.

Among the passengers arrived at Hong Kong on March 28 by the N.Y.K. "Haruna Maru" from Japan ports and Shanghai, were:—Mr. G. Cuvelier, Mr. F. V. Dorf, Mrs. A. E. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Field-Gerald, Miss E. M. Jorge, Mr. J. S. Mackie, Mr. R. Warwick, Mr. T. G. Weill, Mr. S. Anonson, Mr. S. Andersen, Mr. C. H. Gale, Mrs. J. H. and the Misses P. and B. Brownbill, Mr. J. W. Barber, Miss L. Charlotte, Mr. H. J. Mrs. L. Miss E. and Mrs. S. Christiansen, Mrs. E. B. Clarke and 2 children, Mr. E. A. E. Mrs. N., the Misses N. E. and A. G. Dahlin, Mrs. L. S. Edgar and 2 children, Mr. J. Egan, Mr. H. Fred-

DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers who left Hong Kong by the N.Y.K. "Haruna Maru" on March 27, for London and ports via Singapore were:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliveira, Rev. J. R. Martin, Mr. H. M. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Forbes, Mr. E. Stomer, Mr. S. Nikoff, Mr. W. H. Nash, Mrs. F. S. Gibbings, Admiral H. Lacerda, Mr. J. W. Barber, Mr. J. Egan, Mr. E. H. Melbye, Miss Gibbings, Mr. McGrath, Mrs. Stig-Nielsen, Mrs. J. C. and Miss A. J. Marks, Mr. H. F. Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. Nash, Mrs. E. B. Clarke, Mr. J. H. Brownbill, Mrs. L. S. Lucas, Dr. and Mrs. E. Dahlin, Rev. J. S. Lucas, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Soares, Mr. and Mrs. R. Granada, Miss Louis, Capt. and Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. R. Strohn, Mrs. B. A. and Miss E. M. Ratacliff, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Field, Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker, Mr. W. Webb, Mr. J. A. Samy, Mr. J. B. Pimentel, Mr. S. Crasthwaite, Mr. R. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stott, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grindrod.

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HONOLULU MARU Tuesday, 19th April.

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TILAWA	10,000	3rd April 8 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
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HEAVY LOSS.

DOCK COMPANY'S BAD YEAR.

HOPES FOR FUTURE.

At the last annual meeting of the
Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock
Company it was announced that the
Directors had sanctioned the ap-
pointment of a Committee to in-
vestigate the working of the Com-
pany with a view to effecting econ-
omies.

At the annual meeting to-day, the
Chairman announced that this Com-
mittee had made a prolonged en-
quiry but their report had only
reached him on Saturday morning.
It had not been possible to con-
sider and comment upon it at that
meeting but the Directors would
give careful consideration to every
point raised.

A heavy loss for the year was
reported. No dividend could be
recommended. The Chairman ex-
pressed the view that there was no
need for undue pessimism. When
times were more normal here and
at Home, the Company's property
and plant would be employed to
fullest advantage.

The Attendance.
The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard
presided over the meeting, support-
ed by Messrs H. P. White, T. G.
Weall, Allan Cameron, W. R. Bell
and Sir Robert Ho Tung (Direc-
tors). Mr. R. M. Dyer, B.Sc.,
M.I.N.A., (Chief Manager); Mr.
E. L. Hoste, C.A. (Secretary); Mr.
Messrs. J. Fernandez, A. H. M. de
Silva, G. W. Sewell, Kelly Sayce,
J. M. Alves, E. Abraham, C. A. da
Rosa, Chau Yue-teng, Lo Koon-
hong and R. M. Smith.

Chairman's Speech.
The Chairman said: the report
and accounts having been in your
possession for the past ten days,
I will with your permission follow
the usual procedure and take them
as read.

I would like to express on behalf
of my colleagues of the Board our
deep sense of loss at the death of
Sir Paul Chater who had been a
director of this Company for over
twenty-five years. We owed a great
deal to his keen vision and enter-
prise.

It is with much regret that I again
have to present you with a State-
ment of Accounts which shows a
heavy loss, but as you are aware
the boycott against Hong Kong
lasted well into the Autumn and
conditions have not even yet return-
ed to normal.

The volume of business we have
been able to secure has been small.
Orders for new construction have
been difficult to obtain and repairs
have been cut down to a minimum;
moreover, the condition of affairs in
South China has militated against
any large volume of tonnage com-
ing to this port or orders being
placed here.

New Dock Levelling.
We have spared no efforts to
effect increased economies in our
working and our staff is now at the
very minimum consistent with ef-
ficiency even for the reduced volume
of work we have had to undertake.
The levelling of the site for the
new dock is proceeding as fast as
possible and the minimum
amount of work to keep this con-
tract alive is being performed.

Turning to the Accounts, you will
notice that a Debenture on the
assets of the Company has been
granted to our Bankers as security
for our overdraft. The additions
to the property during the year are
practically all old contracts which
ran out in that period. The figure
includes interest on uncompleted
works.

Bad and Doubtful Debts.
Your Directors have considered
it necessary to provide the large
sum of \$150,000 as a provision
against Bad and Doubtful Debts.
Some of this we hope to recover but
it was considered advisable to pro-
vide for every possible contingency.
After making this provision the net
loss for the year amounts to
\$283,695.39. It is proposed to
transfer \$300,000 from Reserve
Fund to meet this loss and this,
together with a credit of \$32,309.50
brought forward from the previous
year will give \$68,614.11 at credit.

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Hong Kong, 29th March, 1927.

HERGIN HAUL.

ARRESTED EUROPEANS CHARGED.

TRUNK'S HIDING PLACE.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yester-
day afternoon hearing was
opened in the case in which
George Stahngross (Roumanian)
and Helena Rogovi Kamin (Pole),
who recently arrived in the Col-
ony by the "Atsuta Maru," are
charged with the unlawful posses-
sion of 660 ounces of heroin, and
with importing the drug without a
permit.

The Assistant Crown Solicitor,
Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, conduct-
ed the prosecution and the accus-
ed were represented by Mr. F. G.
Vaux and Mr. Leo d'Almada res-
pectively.

According to Mr. Whyte-Smith,
the female defendant was a second
class passenger on the "Atsuta
Maru" booked for Shanghai from
Marseilles. When the ship arrived
in port on March 21 the male
defendant, who was on the wharf,
was seen to go on board. Re-
venue Officers who had received
certain information kept him
under observation. He went up to
the woman on the second class
deck and spoke to her and after
both left the ship. On the
following day they returned to the
ship together and were followed
by Senior Revenue Officer Watt.
The man was found to have book-
ed a first-class passage to North
China. S.R.O. Watt first searched
the woman's luggage. A wardrobe
trunk in the baggage room was
found to have a false back and
here 80 7-ounce packages of heroin
were found. Both prisoners were
placed under arrest, and while
waiting to be taken across the
harbour, the man attempted to
jump into the water.

Later the man's baggage was
searched, and four lady's under-
skirts were found. Each of these
had 22 pockets into which the
packages of drug fitted exactly.
The suggestion was that these
were to be used for taking the
heroin ashore.

Replying to the Magistrate's
remark that there was not much
to show that the male defendant
had possession of the drug, Mr.
Whyte-Smith said there was the
fact that he had the keys to the
trunk, also the finding in it of a
hat and coat belonging to him
showed his connection with the
affair.

After evidence of seizure of the
drug was taken, the case was ad-
judged until this afternoon.

ARMS ON A LINER.

Searching luggage on board the
s.s. "President Pierce" yesterday
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Smith-Weston revolvers and seven
rounds of ammunition among
some property belonging to a
Chinese passenger.

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ted by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE,
Agent.
Hong Kong, 24th March, 1927.

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ocean-going merchant vessels in
Hong Kong harbour, of which
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CONSIGNEES.

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May 18	Seattle	Gen. Washington	June 18	Chgo-Singapore
May 24	San Francisco	Amelia	June 25	Chgo-Singapore
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SHANGHAI DRAMA.

Further Detailed Reports From North.

SNIPING DANGERS.

American Families Rescued From Their Homes.

The "China Mail" is again indebted to the "North China Daily News" for the following further reports of the dramatic events in Shanghai on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.



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Where the Durhams held their posts at Shanghai. Dead Shantung soldiers and equipment strewn about on Connaught-Elgin Range roads after the Chinese attack on the Settlement had been repelled by the Durhams, Volunteers and Police. The right side of the street in the barricaded defence.

SHANGHAI DANGERS.

Many Shells and Spent Bullets.

The Nanking Road was upset during the afternoon, when a shell which had whizzed over the Soochow Creek, struck the silk shop at the corner of Hsiaoan Road. It struck the roof of the shop and after bursting itself, exploded, several pieces falling to the pavement.

The incessant fire throughout the day sent quite a few residents in and spent bullets falling in the the Settlement to the hospital. Stray area between Boundary Road and Avenue Edward VII. struck an unknown number of persons. A Chinese in the New World was hit, another at Markham Road shot dead, a Sikh watchman received two bullets in the chest and another in the mouth. His condition is grave.

Several foreign offices and houses were struck on the south side of Soochow Creek, and many on the north, but as far as is known no foreigners have been injured.

That the bullets are not entirely spent is proved by the case of a man on Haining Road, through whose entire arm a bullet passed, the nose just protruding on the far side.

Foreigners were evacuated from the Dixwell Road area and it may be safely stated that 75 per cent. are now within the actual confines of the Settlement, some of the men returning at night. It was rumoured that the North Szechuen Road police station would be closed, but this was definitely denied by Insp. P. J. Dunne.

The Punjabs are still in the Public School for Boys, the Japanese have taken up stronger positions on Dixwell Road and have dug in on Darroch Road.

North Szechuen Road was unsafe throughout the day. Guerilla warfare was practised by snipers from both parties and in the latter part of the afternoon, the police stopped all traffic between Haining Road and the police station, motorists detouring via Dixwell Road.

It was when North Szechuen Road became so hot that the Municipal Council advised all residents in the Dixwell Road and North Szechuen Road Extension areas to come inside. To assist them the Fire Brigade and ambulances turned out, and a continuous stream of vehicles could be seen going both ways on Dixwell Road. Additional troops took up station. A Stokes shell fell in at 704 Dixwell Road but did not explode.

Cantonese soldiers took up a position on the far side of Tientung Road, the Chinese cobbler stone road, which crosses Dixwell Road and connects two parts of Chapel. They were clad in new khaki uniforms and it is believed that they were provided with them by the local labourers.



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After getting over the Elgin Road corner barricade at Shanghai last Tuesday, Shantung soldiers "surrendered" their weapons and dumped them as shown in this photo.

Six persons were arrested in Pingliang Road in possession of white banners with such inscriptions as "The holy labourers," "Drive out the foreign soldiers," "The Yui Fong Cotton Mill Labourers' Union." They were taken to Yangtzepoo station and cautioned.

GOING TO SHANGHAI.

Ministers Sent From Hankow.

The "North China Daily News" publishers, under reserve a report that the Shanghai Kuomintang Headquarters received a wireless message from the Central Executive Committee of the Central Government in Hankow. The message reads as follows:—

"At a Meeting of the Central Executive Committee, Ministers Eugene Chen, Li V. Soong, and Sun Fo were instructed to proceed immediately to Shanghai to take over the administration of Foreign Affairs, Finance and Communication on behalf of the Government. The meeting also appointed Messrs. Woo Chin-un, Niu Yung-ki, Yang Chien, Ou Tao-chin, Pei Chung-hsi, Chang Tse-zu, Wang Soo-who to organise the Political Council of the Shanghai District."

It is understood that the under-mentioned gentlemen have been appointed to the following positions:—

Commissioner of Defence, Gen. Niu Yung-chien.
Commissioner of Police, Tseu King.
Chief of the Telegraphic Administration, Yang Pu-sung.
Chief of the Telephone Bureau, Li Wei-mo.
Chief of the Telegraph Supply Department, Lin Huan-ming.

SHOOTING IN WOOSUNG.

Chinese Station Master Killed.

Firing began in Woosung about noon and lasted for about one hour as a sequel to riots there. At

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With the Post Office in Shanghai affected by a strike, pictorial and written descriptions are only slowly trickling through. A complete, illustrated account from Hong Kong will be highly acceptable.

Chung Tai Pang an armed mob forced entrance into the offices of the Conservancy Board, seized 10 rifles left by the police and attacked and killed the Chinese station master. Two Chinese cruisers out of three at Woosung, landed 50 armed seamen. The Chinese Navy is now flying the Nationalist flag.

Rumours in Shanghai were to the effect that fighting on a large scale had broken out in Woosung between the Cantonese and the retreated Shantung troops. Although not confirmed, it is thought quite probable that this is the case in view of the troop movements which took place during the day.

Reports have it that on Tuesday night there was quite a lot of trouble round Woosung caused by looting Shantung troops. From this it may be deduced that when the Nationalists arrived in Woosung they came in close quarters with the looting troops.

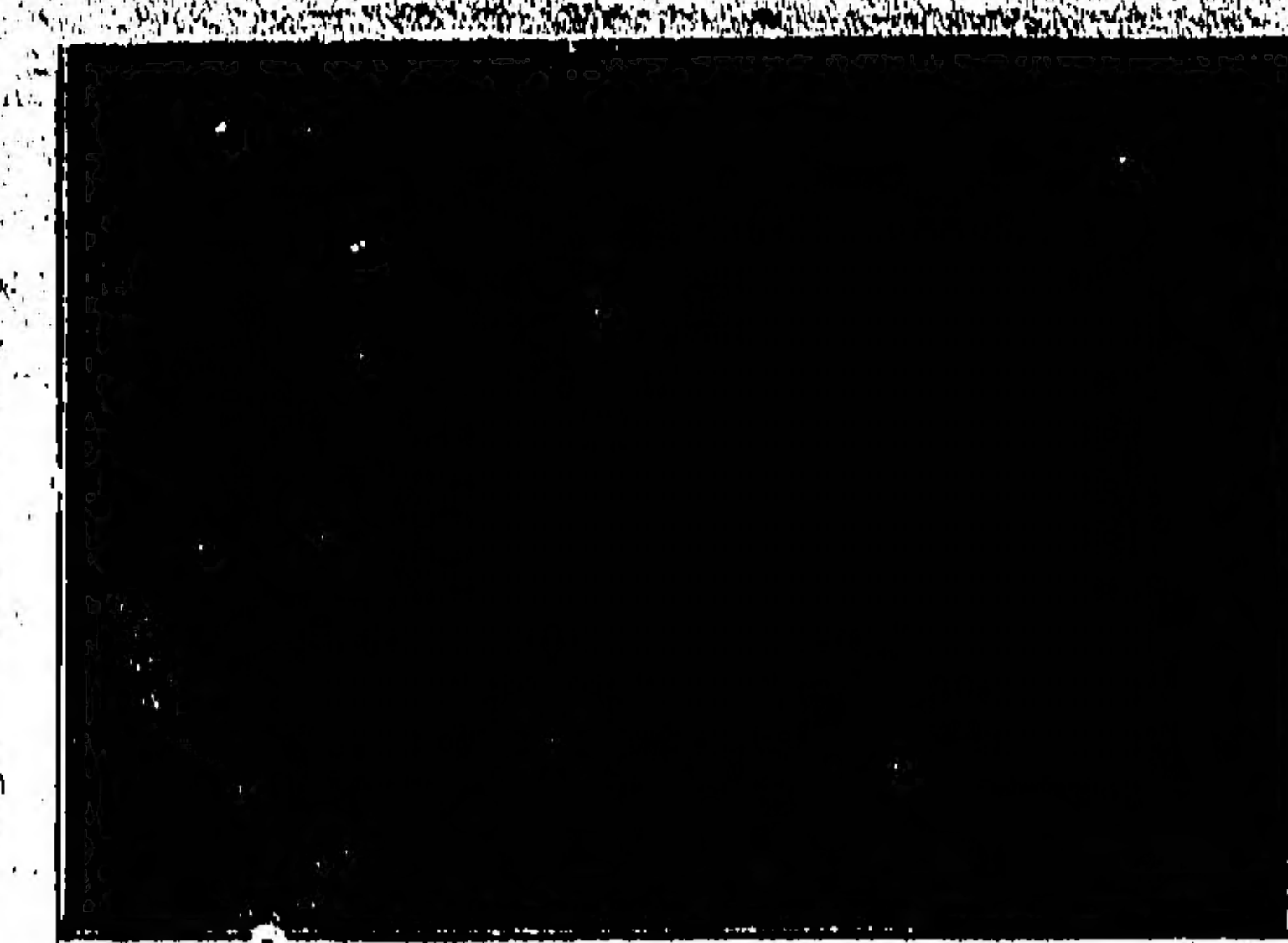
The Disorder in Pootung. Pootung continued to have sporadic disturbances. At about 11 a.m. a Chinese mob thought to have belonged to the Harbour Union entered the China Merchants' Wharf and did considerable damage. The Chinese barracks were entered and damaged, Chinese police beaten and several shots fired into the air which caused a stampede of coolies. A landing party from H.M.S. "Vindictive" restored quiet.

Late at night the trouble was still going in Pootung and the Japanese landed marines while the "Vindictive" landed her searchlight on the district.

Chinese civilians wearing white armlets in a tug stopped two A.P.C. launches and attempted to intimidate the crews with blows. An armed escort was provided, however, and the trouble soon ended by H.M. bluejackets.

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An alleyway blocked with dead at Elgin Road corner, after the Shantung troops made their rush last week, some trying to get through the barriers by side streets such as shown in this photo, taken near the Settlement boundary.

REPORTER A PRISONER.

Held by Shantung Troops in Chapel.

A representative of the "North China Daily News" yesterday afternoon had the very unpleasant experience of being taken a war prisoner by the Shantung troops before their surrender.

With a friend, he went along the firing line to the Tientung Railway Station, where the Northern troops were encamped. Both were provided with special badges from the Kuomintang but these they choose to hide in their socks before approaching the Shantung lines. Our representative, unfortunately, did take along Admiral-General Pih Shou-chien's card because he had to pass through the Nationalist lines, otherwise the unpleasantness through which he might have been avoided.

However, on approaching the Northern lines, the two men found themselves amidst a hail of flying bullets, not aimed at them but at the Southerners. Creeping slowly along and waving to the Shantung men to stop firing, the pair reached the Shantung lines to find themselves in the middle of several scores of business-like northerners, who demanded to know who they were and what they wanted.

The two men gave the necessary information in Mandarin but the reporter's accent had a Cantonese touch and so it was not surprising that the Northerners decided to detain him. He and his friend were taken into one of the railway cars which the Northerners used and bound hand and foot.



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Before defeat—Northerners patrolling Chapel, just outside the Settlement and shooting any civilian seen walking about. Note the place as if in a state of siege.



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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A Shanghai housekeeper asked her cook why he could not get a calf's head for dinner. "Just now they no kill ox market-side" was his defence.

People are asked to refrain from singing "It ain't going to rain no more," says the "North China Daily News," as the country is really quite damp enough for the present.

Admiral-Takarabe, the Minister of the Navy, has requested Baron Saito, the Governor-General of Korea, to come to Tokyo and to act as Japan's chief delegate to the forthcoming Naval Disarmament Conference.

Aralov, the Soviet Assistant Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, who has been attempting to negotiate agreements with Estonia and Latvia, has left for Moscow, and the Soviet Legation at Riga announces that he has been appointed Bolshevik Ambassador to Canton.

The Chinese press reports that work is being carried on by the Nationalist military authorities in connection with the repair of the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway. It is understood that a temporary wooden bridge will be used over the Sung-kiang bridge until the steel one is mended. The Southern authorities are said to expect that the Shanghai-Hangchow service will be resumed in the next ten days.

The Queen visited the New Gallery Cinema in Regent Street, W., on Feb. 21, to see a presentation of China's first photo film, "The Willow Pattern Play." This film, acted by an all-Chinese cast, was produced in one of Shanghai's British-owned studios by Capt. N. A. Bogson, an Englishman. Included in the Royal party were the Princess Royal, Princess Arthur of Connaught, Lady Maud Carnegie, Princess Helena Victoria, and Princess Marie Louise.

The former A.P.C. Chinese clerk who has already been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment (running concurrently and totalling four years) for thefts from the A.P.C. and attempting to pass forged cheques, was again before the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon on charges of larceny of a cigarette case and cigar cutter, the property of Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd, of the A.P.C. He was found guilty and sentenced to six months' hard labour, the sentence to run concurrently with the others (still four years in all).

A missionary in India found that the people in his constituency were dying of disease caused by drinking polluted water. Knowing that the people readily attributed



Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the late President, against whom judgment for \$10,512 has been filed in New York. The money is said to be due to Miss Rose Fichel on four overdue notes. The notes were drawn in January, 1926, originally being for \$11,000, of which \$1,000 was paid.

disease to the presence of evil spirits, and realising that they would with difficulty understand the germ theory of disease, he told them that they should put their water on the fire before drinking it, so as to drive out the evil spirits. He seems to have been a brainy fellow.

A new poultry disease in the Philippine Islands known as Apoptiform Septicemia has been discovered at the research laboratory of the Bureau of Agriculture in Manila. This sickness is common in poultry of foreign countries, but was unknown there until a woman with two dead fowls from a farm near Manila went to the bureau to have the cause of the death determined. A disease with a name like that is enough to turn the head of any fowl. Common chickens, that don't get the complete, are being rather looked down upon in the chicken runs.

Mr. Stuart Yui, Professor of Political Economics at the University of Peking, gave an address on China at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Surbiton, on Feb. 17.

One of the world's largest dinosaurs, which it is estimated died about 30,000,000 years ago, will shortly be put on its legs again at the Natural History Museum in New York. The dinosaur is 50 feet long and 30 feet high and is believed to have weighed about 10 tons. The bones were found in Tanganyika.

Two Australian yachtsmen, Messrs. Robert and Francis Luks, are preparing to leave Marseilles in a small yawl, the Cutty Sark, to sail for Melbourne via the Red Sea, India, Singapore, Japan, the Fiji Islands, and New Caledonia. They are allowing two years for their voyage, and expect to cover about 24,000 miles.

The black Persian cat was missing, and its owners were in despair. The household goods were being packed for going home, and five carpets neatly folded awaited the pleasure of the packers, and the black cat used always to sleep on the top of them. The carpets were duly packed, and in the list of things put into the case read: "five Persian carpets, one black fur hearth rug." Pussy's fate was known at last.

Why, oh, why, exclaims the "Pinnang Gazette," does our local General Post Office, having carefully provided no fewer than four windows at which stamps may be purchased, spoil the whole effect of their consideration for the public, by permitting only one overworked clerk to attend to all four windows, as at 11 o'clock this morning? We feel there must be some answer to this riddle, but we are unable to see it at the moment.

Seventeen leading newspapers and news agencies of Japan, have started a movement against the Publication Bill, now before the House of Representatives, says the "Japan Chronicle." The representatives of these newspapers and news agencies met on the 9th instant, at the Diet building, and agreed that all newspapers interested in the movement should be made to publish the following resolution and to print articles vigorously attacking the Bill:—"Be it resolved that we most strongly oppose the Publication Bill now before the Diet as we regard it as a most thoughtless piece of legislation which is not only anachronistic but calculated to put undue pressure on the organs of public opinion."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Ephraim Smith, aged 90, who was chief petty officer of the flagship which escorted Queen Alexandra to England for her marriage to King Edward, has died at Chatham.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. James Key, Inspector of Wireless Telegraphy, No. 43, Kowloon Tong, to Miss Esther Rosalind Chan, No. 312, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Mr. M. J. B. Montargis, the local exchange broker, is leaving for home very shortly.

The engagement is announced in Shanghai of Miss Grace Mary Courts to Mr. John Hellyer Liddell.

Mr. H. W. Looker, M.P., attended a levee given by the Speaker to members of the House of Commons on Feb. 18.

A dressing gown, two petticoats, and a nightdress worn by Queen Victoria have been left to Newcastle Linen by Mr. William Glyver, of Southbourne, Hampshire.

"I have done my duty, and never wish to hear Prince Carol's name again. He has gone completely out of my life," said Princess Helene of Greece, wife of the ex-Crown Prince Carol of Roumania in an interview with the British United Press in Rome.

Sir Frederick Lugard, who was Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hong Kong, 1907-1912, has been seriously ill at his home, Little Parkhurst, Abinger Common, Surrey, with bronchial trouble. His condition was slightly better in mail week.

The engagement is announced between Cyril H. Pearson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pearson, of 85, Addiscombe Road, Croydon, and Phyllis, elder daughter of the late Captain F. D. Goddard, of Hong Kong (Messrs. Goddard and Douglas), and Mrs. Goddard, 20, Foxley Lane, Purley.

A Hollywood message says that Norma Talmadge, noted film star and wife of Joseph Schenck, motion picture producer, and Eugene O'Brien, another movie celebrity, are planning to visit Manila. At first it was intended that they should sail in February, but it now appears the date may be later in the spring.

While the Prince of Wales was paying a visit to Hackney Hospital recently, a mother gave birth to her fifth child in the maternity ward. On hearing that the Prince had visited the hospital the mother decided to call the baby after him. The baby is a girl and the Prince's first name is Edward. As his second name is Albert, however, it was decided to call the young lady Alberta.

The Prince of Wales was thrown from a horse again on March 13. He was thrown on the first hurdle by his mount at an army steeplechase. He escaped injury, however, and arose smiling.

Colonel Commandant R. O. Paterson has been appointed a Royal Marine Aide-de-Camp to the King, vice Colonel Commandant J. B. Finlaison, retired, to date Feb. 10. Colonel Paterson commands the Royal Marines.



Max Valler, author and astronomer of Munich, who is making preparations to be shot to the moon in a giant rocket. He intends to make the attempt in the summer.

A motion describing the recent legislation restricting divorce reports as "an unwarrantable interference with the freedom of the Press" was debated by the Cambridge Union Society. Mr. J. S. B. Lloyd (Magdalene College), urging that publicity made for social welfare, said the effect of divorce as a social weapon must not be minimised. There were 50,000 divorce cases a year in France, where they did not publish reports, against 3,000 in Britain. The motion was lost by 105 votes to 42.

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SPORTS SECTION

STREET FOOTBALL

DRAMATIC INTERVENTION BY POLICE.

FIXTURE ABANDONED!

A hotly contested football match between the Hollywood Hotspurs and the Wyndham Wanderers was in full swing opposite the Police Married Quarters in Wyndham Street yesterday evening when the Police, acting on the orders of Mr. Woodhouse, rushed down on them. Most of the players suddenly remembered that they had a pressing appointment and decided to postpone the match. The Police caught two of them and they were this morning produced before Major Willson at the Magistrate's charged with obstruction. They claimed that they were only watching the game.

Remarking that watching street football was as much obstruction as playing, the Magistrate fined them \$3 each.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the Police, having received peace for their own Benedicks, will now pay a visit to Glenally, where a "match" is always in progress during the tiffin hour.

STEEPLECHASES.

ENTRIES FOR NEXT FANLING MEETING.

Entries closed yesterday for the steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt to be held at Kwai on Saturday, April 9 and are as follows:

1.—3.15 p.m.—The Maiden Plate. 7 furlongs.
Mr. A. E. McCartney's Gimp; Dr. L. Reidy's Octopus; Mr. A. H. Potts's Two Pairs; Mr. J. P. Pym's Aces Up; Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Benjamin; Mr. W. H. S. Dent's New York; Mr. P. Q. Robert's Four of a Kind; Mr. F. T. Orr's Sheila; Mr. C. Abel Smith's Black Mouse.

2.—The Easter Handicap.—2½ miles.
Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Smart Guy; Mr. K. H. Chun's Easter Day; Chin Lee Ku; (late Christmas Day II); Mr. Burgess Fearon's Aroha; Dr. J. C. Macgown's Blotting Paper; Mr. J. J. Paterson's Deer Hound; Mr. R. J. Paterson's Humdinger; Mr. E. E. Rock, The Gift (late Solstice Eve); Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Tao; Mr. G. W. Sewell, Cere; Mr. G. Toppin's Mountain Fox; Mr. W. G. Mattingley's Stripes; Mr. B. M. Ede's Pepper and Salt; Dragon River; Messrs. Forbes and Collingwood's Shady Joe; Mr. Jonathan's Plum Pudding (late the George and Vulture); Mrs. R. M. Dyer's Yorks; Mr. A. N. Lucey's Country Mouse.

3.—The Fanling National.—2 miles.
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4.—The April Stakes.—2 miles.
Mr. Burgess Fearon's Aroha; Mr. A. E. McCartney's Gimp; Dr. J. C. Macgown's Blotting Paper; Dr. L. Reidy's Octopus (late Formidable); Dr. L. Reidy's Mowgli; Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Tao; Mr. A. H. Potts's Craigavad; Mr. G. W. Sewell, Cere; Mr. G. Toppin's Mountain Fox; Mr. W. G. Mattingley's Stripes; Mr. B. M. Ede's Pepper and Salt; Dragon River; Messrs. Forbes and Collingwood's Shady Joe; Mr. Jonathan's Plum Pudding (late the George and Vulture); Mrs. R. M. Dyer's Yorks; Mr. A. N. Lucey's Country Mouse.

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V.R.C. BOXING.

AMATEUR TOURNAMENT IN MAY.

SERVICEMEN INVITED.

After a lapse of a year, the Victoria Recreation Club has revived its annual amateur boxing tournament. Dates chosen are May 4 and 5 (Wednesday and Thursday) and May 7 (Saturday) when there will also be a special event in addition to the finals.

The tournament is open to all Clubs in the Colony, schools and to H.M.'s forces, bouts to be held in the V.R.C. gymnasium, under the rules of the Amateur Boxing Association.

There are ten classes, entry for each being \$1. Servicemen spectators will be admitted at half price. The divisions are:

Boys (Schools only).
Bantams: under 65 lbs.
Lightweight: 65 to 75 lbs.
Middle: 75 to 90 lbs.
Heavies: 91 to 115 lbs.

Men.
Bantams: not over 115 lbs.
Feathers: not over 125 lbs.
Lights: not over 140 lbs.
Welters: not over 147 lbs.
Middle: not over 158 lbs.
Heavies: any weight.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONS' EASY VICTORY.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

The Rumlahn cousins, holders for two years of the Colony's open doubles tennis championship, had an easy victory yesterday in the second round of the Hong Kong C.C. annual tournament.

An interesting match was seen in the open singles, in which Ng Sze-cheung beat L. M. Razack. The losing youngster played a brilliant game but was beaten on tactics. Mostly on the defensive, Ng Sze-cheung allowed Razack to advance to the net and then turned the tables on him. Razack hit hard and showed a fine repertoire of strokes. With experience, he ought to go far.

Yesterday's results were:

Open Singles.
First Round:—W. E. Cornaby beat S. S. Hussain, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
Second Round:—Ng Sze-cheung beat L. M. Razack, 6-3, 6-2, 7-9, 6-4.

Open Doubles.
Second Round:—D. Rumlahn and S. A. Rumlahn beat Lau Man-Ed's Pepper and Salt, 6-0, 6-1, 6-0.

Handicap Doubles.
S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 3/6) beat R. G. Wilkerson and N. Barber (rec. 15/1), 6-2, 6-2.

Today's Matches.
Open Doubles:—A. B. Raworth and J. D. Humphreys v. E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher (2nd round).

Club "Championship":—R. M. Henderson v. Dr. D. J. Valentine (re-play).

Handicap Singles "A":—Capt. E. W. Morris (scr.) v. S. E. Green (owe 15/8).

Handicap Doubles "E":—J. R. Hinton (rec. 5/6) v. R. G. Wilkerson (rec. 15/1).

Handicap Doubles:—L. Forster and F. A. Redmond (owe 15/3) v. Capt. E. S. G. Howard and Lt. E. H. Jacobs-Larkson (owe 1/6).

CLUB DEFEATED.

Against a strong team representing the Engine Room Artificers of the Royal Navy, the rugby section of the Hong Kong Football Club were defeated yesterday on their own ground at Happy Valley by 21 points to 6.

At half-time, the E.R.A.'s led by 16-0 and the Club's two tries were the very last of the match.

Bad handling lost the Club a number of chances, but the Naval players were a better team and deserved their victory. Teams:—H.K.F.C. (rugby section): Easterbrook; Lammert, Wright, Wales, Pritchard; Mills, McKay; Foster, Akhurst, Pross, Southam, Middleton Smith, Treves, Beveridge, Garrard.

Naval E.R.A.'s: Flood; Archer, Johns, Tinker, Rothwell; Northwood, Duckworth; Davies, McTaggart, Macdonald, Beaven, Mill, Stobart, Honey, Birkett.

Club Rally at the End.
Tinker got over twice for the E.R.A. but the kicks at goal failed. Then Archer scored a try and Tinker added two more points. Birkett got another try in the first half, Flood converting. At half-time, the E.R.A.'s led by 16 points (2 goals, 2 tries) to nil.

After the change of ends, Tinker touched down again and Flood was successful with the place kick.

With a determined rally, the Club replied with two tries through Akhurst and Pritchard but the placed kicks failed.

Result: E.R.A.'s 21 points (3 goals, 2 tries), Club 6 points (2 tries).

HOME SOCCER.

THREE MATCHES IN THE LEAGUE.

SOUTHAMPTON DEFEATED.

London, March 28.
After losing in the Cup semi-final on Saturday, Southampton, were beaten again today but in the League. By a coincidence, they went down to another London club. To-day's results (home teams given first):
Division II:—Fulham 3, Southampton 0; Port Vale 2, Preston North End 0.
Division III (North):—Wigan 1, Chesterfield 2.—*Reuter.*

NEW ENTRIES.

HONG KONG LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE.

ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Several new entries for the forthcoming season of the local league were received at yesterday's annual meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association, held in the Hong Cricket Club pavilion.

Mr. G. Mislin (Vice-President) presided over an attendance of representatives from the following clubs:—
Hong Kong Cricket Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club, United Services Recreation Club, University, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Nippon Club, Kowloon British School Former Pupils Association, Craikengrower Cricket Club, South China Athletic Association, European Y.M.C.A., Royal Engineers, Club de Recreo, Netherlands Tennis Club, Civil Service Cricket Club.

Season's Officers.
Mr. G. W. Sewell retiring (hon. secretary and treasurer) presented the report and accounts for last season, mentioning the feat of the Chinese R.C. in lifting the championship of all three divisions. The credit balance was \$60.04.

Officers were elected as follows:—
President: Mr. R. B. Hancock (re-elected)—proposed by Mr. Mislin, seconded by Mr. C. Chon.
Vice-President: Mr. G. Mislin (re-elected)—proposed by Mr. Sewell, seconded by Mr. C. F. Lee.
Hon. secretary and treasurer: Mr. D. S. Green—proposed by Mr. Mislin, seconded by Mr. Sewell.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Sewell was carried unanimously.

Increased Entries.
For competition in the league this season, entries were received as follows:—

"A" Division:—Hong Kong C.C., Kowloon C.C., Chinese R.C. (holders), United Services Recreation Club, University, Indian R.C., M.B.K., Nippon Club (3 clubs as against 2 last year).

"B" Division:—Hong Kong C.C., Chinese R.C. (holders), Club de Recreo, United Services R.C., University, Craikengrower, Indian R.C., M.B.K., Nippon Club, South China A.A. (11 clubs as last year).

"C" Division:—Hong Kong C.C., Kowloon C.C., Chinese R.C. (holders), Club de Recreo, Craikengrower, Netherlands Tennis Club, K.B.S.F.P.A., South China A.A. (8 clubs as against 6 last year).

The Royal Engineers intimated that they would like to join the League, but had no courts. Under the existing rules, however, their entry can not be accepted.

The Kowloon Y.M.C.A. representative said that they wished to join the League, but their courts were not expected to be ready until May. The chairman informed him that the matches would not begin until then.

Mrs. W. T. Southern (wife of the Colonial Secretary) is to present the prizes at the conclusion of the Central British School annual sports to be held in the school ground, King's Park, Kowloon, this Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m.

BOY KNOCKED DOWN.

CAR DRIVER'S SELFISH BEHAVIOUR.

The Chinese driver of a motor car was charged before Major Willson at the Magistrate's this morning with having failed to stop after knocking down a boy near the Macao wall on the evening of March 21.

Defendant's excuse was that the crowd was very threatening and, as he was afraid to stop, he drove straight to the Police Station and reported the accident.

The Magistrate said that the early removal of an injured person to the hospital was often a matter between life and death, yet the defendant was selfish enough to think of his own skin first.

The police said that the boy had a leg fractured as the result of the accident and was likely to be in hospital six weeks or two months. In fairness to the defendant, however, it was mentioned that the car was in the proper side of the road and the boy appeared to have run in front of it.

On the defendant declaring his willingness to compensate the boy, his Worship imposed a fine of \$15.

DARING FORGERY?

ATTEMPT TO EMBROIDER NATIONS.

MYSTERY NOTE EXPLAINED.

New York, March 28.
The American Note to Mexico, mentioned on March 1 and dubbed the "mystery note" on account of the secrecy surrounding its contents, relates, according to the "New York Times," to a certain forged communication purporting to have been signed by Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, and other officials, which came into possession of the Calles administration.

It appears that the document, which nearly precipitated a serious crisis, was cleverly designed to convey the impression that the United States was fomenting revolution in Mexico or plotting war. An investigation regarding the origin of the communication is proceeding.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[A Reuter cable from Mexico City on March 1 stated:—A new American Note, described as being unusually important, was delivered to the Mexican Foreign Office, by Mr. Lane, the First Secretary of the American Embassy. The contents have not been divulged.]

IN TO-DAY'S NEWS.



Mr. Sun Fo, said to be expected at Shanghai.



General Li Chai-sun of Canton, who is believed to have received reports from Hankow about Borodin's departure.



Mr. T. V. Soong, also expected at Shanghai.

HARBOUR OFFENCE.

The mistress of a trading junk was fined \$15 at the Marine Court this morning for being under way without exhibiting regulation navigation lights.

NANKING OUTRAGES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Hewel, and he might say, most confiding spirit with British property in the British Concessions, and we must be assured that the conditions were such that the Chinese authorities, whatever they were, could preserve order where their authority extended before we made further a surrender of British rights.—*British Warless Service.*

SPEAKING FOR POWERS.

The Diplomatic Body's Function.

London, March 28.
Answering questions in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain said we had dealt in a most liberal—he might even say a most confiding—spirit with our own property in the British Concessions at Hankow, and we must be assured that conditions were such that the Chinese authority established could preserve order wherever that authority extended before we made a further surrender of British interests and property.

Comdr. Kenworthy suggested that as the property at Shanghai was predominantly British, Sir Austen Chamberlain, in our own interest should consider opening negotiations immediately with the Cantonese authorities.

Sir Austen Chamberlain in reply emphasised that when one was dealing with joint property, all the parties interested must be consulted. (Ministerial cheers).

One party could not dispose of property in which others had rights without communicating with them.

Replying to further Labour questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain pointed out that the body primarily empowered to speak for the Powers collectively was the Diplomatic Body at Peking.

He did not think it would be difficult for the Powers concerned to take steps to negotiate if there was a single Chinese authority exercising power all over China with which they could negotiate.

NAVY TO THE RESCUE.

Foreign Secretary's Statement Cheered.

London, March 28.
In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain detailed the events at Nanking. The Conservatives cheered his emphatic declaration that the timely action of the warships alone saved the lives of British and American citizens.

Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour) drew attention to a statement by General Chiang Kai-shek expressing the opinion that the looting and outrages were committed by Northern troops.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that information from British and American sources was to the contrary.

Replying to Mr. H. W. Looker (Conservative), Sir Austen Chamberlain said that in the anarchical conditions prevailing at present in many parts of China it was impossible to say we could safely rely on Chinese guarantees for the safety of the British. He added:—

"We must watch what happens and judge, not according to the professions made, but according to the performances."

Replying to Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour), Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the question of evacuating the remainder of the British in other parts of the Yangtze valley was being considered. He did not think it desirable that we should issue instructions from here. It must be decided nearer the spot.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH CONCESSION.

Unfounded Reports Officially Denied.

Paris, March 28.
As regards the French Concession at Shanghai the Foreign Office describes as unfounded reports of the French being subordinated to the other authorities in Shanghai.

It is declared the British authorities never asked for sole command.

The Foreign Office adds that all that the local French authorities had asked to assure the defence of the Concession had been given to them, and the Government will continue to furnish those on the spot with whatever they deem necessary.—*Reuter.*

Evacuating Hankow.

Shanghai, March 28.
The reports that conditions are getting worse at Hankow are borne out by Japanese messages stating that Japanese women and children residing in the native-city there are taking refuge in the Japanese Concession and preparing to board steamers.

American women and children have already left.

The Japanese gunboat "Aikaka" left for Hankow this morning. Delayed messages from Hankow show that the Labour Union there as in Shanghai are completely dominating the situation.—*Reuter.*

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Nationalist Government's Methods Exposed.

London, March 28.
To say the least, remarks the "Times" in an editorial, it is unlikely that further successes will inspire the Southern Government with unwonted moderation in their methods, which are now sufficiently exposed for all but the wilfully blind to understand them, and to realise that the British Government was the first to foresee the recent developments, and to take the necessary steps to defend their nationals wherever possible from the worst results of the very dangerous tactics to which the Cantonese indulged by Soviet agents, have rashly committed themselves.

Labours Failure.
It declares that the events of the past week fully justified the despatch of troops and regrets that it was necessary for Sir John Simon to well-deservedly rebuke the majority of the official opposition for their grievous failure to rise to the occasion and proclaim a desire that the Government should continue to protect innocent Britishers in China.

The allusion to Sir John Simon in connection with his week-end speech at Cleckheaton, in which he solemnly proclaimed himself as profoundly grateful to the Government for their prompt action in sending troops to China, He added: "It is the duty of every politician, of whatever party, to make at this moment a perfectly definite declaration such as I have just made."—*Reuter.*

Nanking Delay.

London, March 28.
The "Daily News" says the proper comment on the Nanking affair is that what happened was what everybody expected to happen. Unprotected Europeans ought to have been evacuated, as could easily have been done before the crisis arose.—*Reuter.*

Britain's Policy.

London, March 28.
From a practical point of view we should realise that the half of China with which we are predominantly concerned is already under a single authority and in a sense the way is cleared for a settlement with a single effective government, says the "Manchester Guardian" in an editorial, but the manner wherein it happened has made negotiations even more difficult than before. It says that deadlock is likely to be reached if demand for the withdrawal of troops is made as a preliminary to negotiations, for it may be taken as certain that the foreign troops will not be withdrawn until the Cantonese not merely have assumed formal responsibility for the maintaining of order but have given effective evidence of their capacity to enforce it. Nevertheless it would be a grave misfortune if the recent events were allowed to divert the main lines of the policy hitherto admirably maintained by the British Foreign Office.—*Reuter.*

French Defence Criticised.
Paris, March 28.
The discovery of an armed Cantonese in a cafe in the French Concession is editorially commented on in this morning's "Journal" which draws two deductions from the incident.

Firstly the grave insufficiency of means of defence in the French Concession and secondly the deplorable effect produced upon the international Concession.

It adds that the time has come to face the problem of the Concessions, the energetic maintenance of which is the only solution. The "Echo de Paris" urges the French authorities to act less weakly regarding Great Britain, who both in the east and in the west strives on behalf of civilisation.—*Reuter.*

MINING SHARES.

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RADIO TOPICS

EMPIRE RADIO.

THE POLICY OF THE B.B.C.
OUTLINED.

Interest in the question of broadcasting to the Empire has been recently revived, and the B.B.C. made a statement of policy on the subject. It will be recalled that some time ago an official of the Broadcasting Company outlined a possible plan for an all-Red Empire of broadcasting stations round the world, which could relay the transmissions of a short-wave station in Britain. In the preparation for the regional station scheme to provide better broadcasting facilities for listeners in this country, Empire broadcasting has been allowed to "recede into the background," but the B.B.C. in a statement pointed out that the idea had by no means been abandoned.

"It has always been part of the permanent policy of the broadcasting authority to develop as soon as possible effective facilities for Empire broadcasting," it is announced. "While keeping this idea well to the fore it was necessary, however, for the Broadcasting authority to recognise its prior duty to those who pay for receiving licences in the Mother Country. The broadcasting authority has realised all along the urgency of establishing facilities for effective alternative programmes through some new scheme, such as high-power regional stations. Nevertheless, the Empire project has been carried forward alongside the British scheme of distribution. Moreover, it has to be kept in mind that the effective continuous use of short-wave transmission for the relaying of broadcast programmes has not yet passed beyond the experimental stage. It is recognised that, even handled by comparatively experienced experimenters, only a limited degree of success, varying according to the time of day, has been achieved with short-wave transmission. It would be assuming too much on the scientific side to suggest that the service of broadcasting on short-waves is a feasible scheme."

"Nevertheless, while making full allowance for these difficulties, the B.B.C. are anxious to establish an effective system of uninterrupted broadcasting throughout the Empire, and they hope for success before very long. There is, however, no question of the reconstruction of the Daventry station for this specific purpose. When experiments in hand produce the anticipated results, and when the necessary funds are made available, the facilities will be provided for an auxiliary service."

On the subject of the efficacy of short waves for long-distance work, it may be added, opinion is divided. Amateurs in Britain claim astonishing results from short-wave experiments on low-power, two-way communication with Australia and New Zealand having been accomplished. There is also the example of the American short-wave stations, the best known being 2XAF, Schenectady, and KDKA, Pittsburgh. Both these stations can be received in Britain with much less difficulty than American stations in the ordinary broadcasting band. As a further illustration of the use of short waves, recently South African amateurs carried out tests with amateurs in the U.S.A., and on many occasions established two-way communication. The Marconi beam stations for Empire telegraphic work also employ short waves.

MORE CULTURE.

The wireless station, at Omaha in Nebraska recently distributed a laughing competition to all its listeners-in, says a contributor to the "Manchester Guardian." Over a hundred competitors took part and each roared his loudest into the microphone, one gentleman of colour stimulating himself by a preliminary roll round the studio floor in order to work himself up to the right degree of hilarity. Good marks were given for many things, ranging from "volume" and "contagious quality" to "wholesomeness"—so that evidently no points would have been awarded for a nasty cynical little snigger. As a development of the old English pastime of "grinning through a horse-collar" it must have been the most impressive spectacle ever arranged. But it is no use the B.B.C. thinking of borrowing the same idea. Thousands of indignant wireless enthusiasts would only lay down their re-

RADIO INVENTION.

WONDERFUL DEVELOPMENTS
PREDICTED.

Sydney, Feb. 24. The potentialities of radio were the theme of the speeches of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Customs) and Sir William Noble, ex-chairman of the British Broadcasting Company at the official opening of the radio and electrical exhibition in the Town Hall to-day. Both speakers referred to the wonderful development in radio invention and application during the past three years, and indicated that still more wonderful developments were likely in the immediate future.

Mr. Pratten said it was anticipated that within a few months it would in all probability be possible for Sydney to speak by telephone to London.

Sir William Noble emphasised this statement by saying that within a very short time it would be possible for the Ministers of the Federal Government to ring up Ministers of the Crown in London and converse with them.

Mr. Pratten, after referring to the progress of wireless and electricity, said that already they had got beyond the transference of sound through the ether, and television had become an accomplished fact. Moving pictures, he said, had been combined, so that within a short space of time the picture film as it was now known would probably disappear, having been replaced by an apparatus that would enable picture patrons to see and hear living actors who might be playing and speaking their parts thousands of miles away. Mr. Pratten said that he had made inquiries regarding the radio and electrical trades, and these young industries were taking a firm hold in Australia. He had been informed that nearly one-half of both the radio and electrical exhibits had been manufactured in Australia. He was pleased to learn that there was a growing tendency for established firms of the Motherland to establish themselves in Australia. It was in this way that the Commonwealth would grow stronger.

Sir William Noble said that during the two months he had been in Australia he had taken an interest in broadcasting and was surprised at the development of radio throughout the Commonwealth. His belief was that there would be a continued development of radio in Australia. When the British Broadcasting Co. commenced broadcasting four years ago there were only about ten firms that had anything to do with wireless, whilst at present there were upwards of 2,000 British manufacturers and dealers in radio. During those four years there had been such an advance in Britain that at present there were 2,500,000 listeners. The speaker also referred in high terms of the quality of the broadcasting programmes in all the States of the Commonwealth.

RADIO TO THE ANTARCTIC.

Mr. C. W. Goyder, the young wireless amateur experimenter of Mill Hill, who made wireless history by being the first Britisher to establish communication with the Antarctic, has achieved further success.

He fixed an appointment with his newly-found Antarctic friends in the Norwegian whaler, the "Sir James Clark Ross," to pick him up again. Mr. Goyder went to his station, wireless the Antarctic, and in a few moments was exchanging greetings with the whaler.

Strengths and other wireless technicalities beloved by the experimenter were exchanged, and then a series of dots and dashes told Mr. Goyder that the whaler with whom he was "talking" had not changed her position in the seven days that had elapsed since his first "conversation," having been held up by bad weather.

Mr. Goyder then asked if a man named Jorgenson would come forward. During the week Dr. Macleod, of Cambridge, read of Mr. Goyder's feat, and remembered that on the "Sir James Clark Ross" was Jorgenson, with whom he had spent the previous season whaling in the Antarctic. Jorgenson had not forgotten. And wishes were exchanged with him on behalf of Dr. Macleod.

ceivers and groan aloud "I can't stand these highbrow programmes at any price!"

CROWDED ETHER.

RUGBY'S ALL-POWERFUL
STATION.

One very real difficulty in modern radio communication, Colonel Purves said in mail, week, addressing a meeting in London, was the congestion of the ether, due to the great and increasing number of stations at work. "It is becoming difficult," he said, "to provide for all of them separate wave-lengths which will not interfere with one another. Radio-telegraphy can be operated on a single wave-length, but human speech consists of many different frequencies, and consequently a broad band of adjacent wave-lengths is needed to transmit its articulate tones. It therefore makes a heavy demand on what is known as 'ether space,' and it becomes correspondingly difficult to find an unoccupied region into which a new service can be fitted."

Colonel Purves went on to describe how the difficulty of shielding the British Receiving Station at Wroughton, near Swindon, from the speech signals emanating from Rugby had been overcome. "The strength of the Rugby signals," he remarked, "may be as much as ten thousand times greater than that of the American signals, on the same wave-length, to which alone the Wroughton receiving apparatus must respond. The problem has been successfully solved, and the system as a whole discriminates perfectly between the east-going and west-going signals. This has been accomplished by the use of extremely sensitive and rapid switching devices at the London and New York trunk exchanges. These are operated by the actual voice currents of the subscriber who is speaking. They enable him, as it were, to clear the path for his own speech and to paralyse the return path for the time being. Even the utterance of a single short word has to operate and restore these devices with speed and certainty."

With regard to the new station to be erected near Dundee, Colonel Purves stated that it would be connected with the London trunk exchange by lines carried wholly in underground cables, and provided with telephone repeater stations at intervals of about fifty miles. It was hoped that the station would be available before the more severe radio conditions of the summer season are experienced.

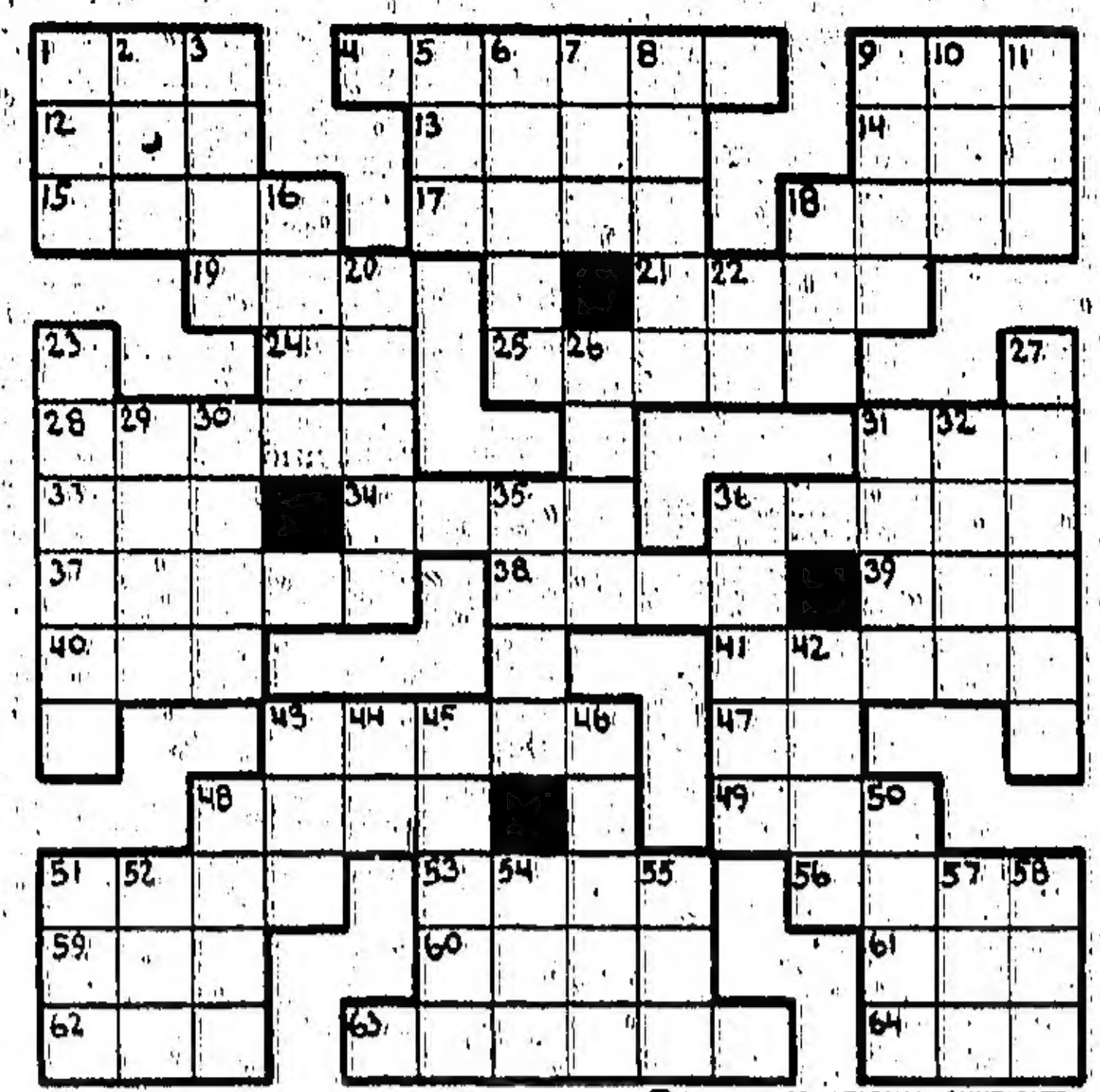
"The service," he went on, "is in the nature of an experiment. If it proves successful its range and capacity will be extended. It is probable that during the winter months an average approaching twenty-two hours out of twenty-four could be given, and if the demand warrants it the hours of service will be extended. During summer the conditions are more difficult, and the period from seven p.m. to midnight might often be unworkable. The question of a future reduction in the cost of the service must be dependent on the revenue-earning power coupled with extension of hours of service, upon experience of the actual cost of running and maintenance, and upon the possibility of devising cheaper equipment if and when additional channels of communication become necessary. The plant used is very expensive. Irrespective of the annual running and maintenance costs, the development expenses have been very high, and the capital cost of the plant on this side only approaches \$500,000."

Upon the question of secrecy, Colonel Purves observed that while no claim to secrecy was made, it was difficult to overhear both sides of a conversation. Even partial overhearing was a recognised weakness, but the average user would probably not be seriously deterred by the fact that part of his conversation might be overheard by a stray eavesdropper. He suggested the advisability of regular correspondents devising a system of code words and phrases.

"To secure real secrecy in radio telephony is an exceedingly difficult problem," he added. "The use of a 'beam' system is not a solution, since the 'track' of the beam includes a very considerable area within which signals are strong and easily read. But we fully realise the importance of secrecy, and engineers will have previously been straining every nerve to produce pure and perfect transmission of speech are now applying themselves to the task of cutting it to fragments before transmitting it, so that it may cross the radio link a jumble of meaningless sounds

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and ditto.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-That which prepares a way
- 4-Parvart
- 9-Extinct New Zealand bird
- 12-Witch
- 13-An island, ancient Maloa, Greece
- 14-The beard, as of wheat
- 15-Lifeline
- 17-A river, N. W. Belgium
- 18-Belonging to the rear
- 19-Serape
- 21-Genuine
- 24-Sodium (chem. sym.)
- 25-Kingly
- 26-The spirits of the dead (Rom. Antic.)
- 31-A household pest
- 33-Diminutive suffix
- 34-At a distance
- 35-Belonging to thee
- 37-Customary
- 38-One who uses
- 39-To cut down
- 40-And not

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

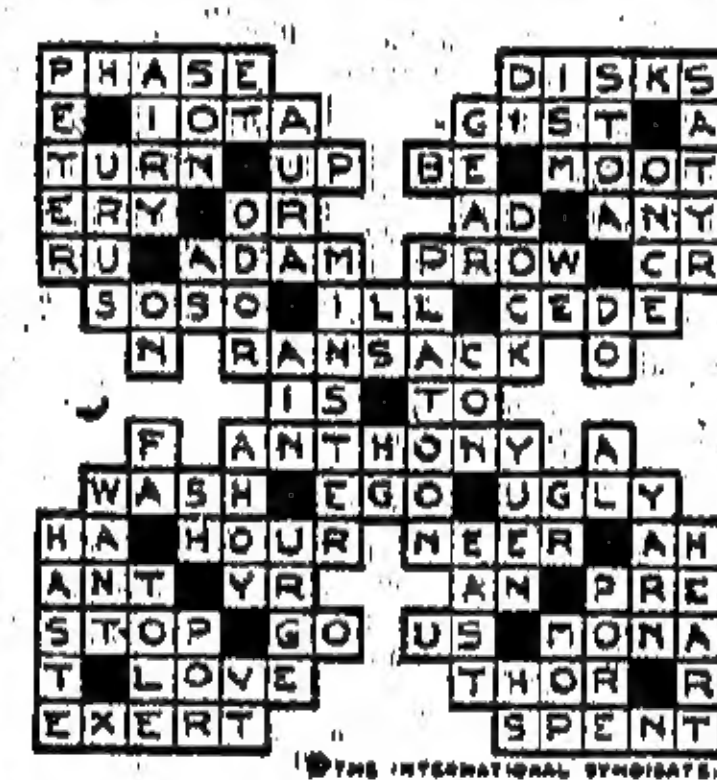
- 41-The Greek goddess of peace
- 43-To talk about vainly
- 47-A negative
- 48-An iceberg
- 49-A sense organ
- 51-To make dim
- 53-Partial
- 55-Sure
- 56-To ventilate
- 59-Queen astray
- 61-Thus (Latin)
- 62-Religion (abbr.)
- 63-To originate
- 64-To make idle

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 18-Nickname for "Harry"
- 20-Fundamental
- 22-Each (abbr.)
- 23-Aggregate
- 25-Personal pronoun
- 27-Drunk (slang)
- 28-Too
- 30-Combining form
- 31-Hoar frost
- 32-Presently
- 33-A father's sister
- 35-Threshold
- 42-A bookbinding leather
- 43-By; through (Prefix)
- 44-Railroad (abbr.)
- 45-A round (Roman Antic.)
- 46-Additional
- 48-A knot in wool
- 50-A plant disease
- 51-A barrier
- 52-A golf term
- 54-Exit
- 55-Ending of superlative adjectives
- 57-Prefix; Through
- 58-Combining form
- Without

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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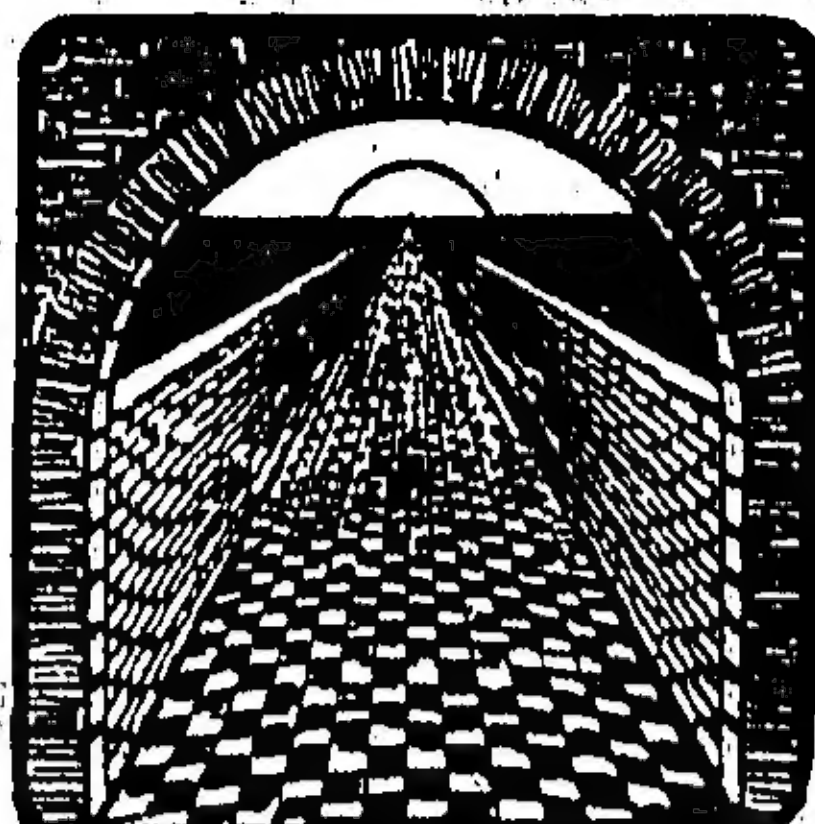
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TWO DAY SIEGE.

A Story of Women's Heroism in Shanghai.

CHILDREN'S PLIGHT.

Five Hundred In A Long Drawn Peril.

A narrative, epic in its simplicity and courage, was related to a representative of the "North China Daily News" by the Mother Superior of the Institution of the Holy Family, 20 North Honan Road Extension, which was in the midst of the havoc caused by shelling and flames in Chapel throughout Monday and Tuesday. All the refugees from the convent who have not returned to their homes are now living at St. Joseph's Institute in the French Concession.

The Holy Family Institution was filled with Chinese refugees at the time of the trouble, who had come in from surrounding districts, besides the large number of children ranging in age from one to 20 years and the 41 sisters in charge of the school. Shelling started in deadly earnest on Monday afternoon, according to the Mother Superior of the convent. At that time there were 200 Chinese refugees inside the institution, 150 Chinese school children and 132 foreign children besides the sisters and a large number of servants. Some parents of the children who had managed to get there for the purpose of taking their children to safety were also marooned in the midst of the shelling and fires.

Shells began falling upon the roof of the school, the first one landing over the Infant Jesu building, and the second attacking the roof of the little girls' school building beyond. Then the main buildings were attacked and the wreckage of roof and wall created terror in the minds of the hundreds who were praying for protection inside. Actually, however, no explosion took place from any of the shells so that no lives were lost.

A Lurid Night.

Three shells landed inside the chapel of the convent but they were spent and rolled out into the corridor. Two others fell from the walls into a group of the 200 refugees in the ground floor corridor. Not a single person was hurt, as there was no explosion. It soon became apparent that firing was being directed at the Institution, as no sooner would someone from the convent appear in the street outside than renewed firing would result.

On Tuesday morning the same confusion existed after a night made lurid by sounds of guerilla warfare and by the red glare of burning Chapel. The milkwoman, one of the faithful servants of the institution, came early in the morning and a letter was entrusted to her to get assistance for the stricken institution. But the milk woman neither returned nor was heard from, and her fate was believed to have been like so many others during those two night-mare days.

An attempt was made at 2 p.m. on Tuesday to leave the school, and sisters began their work of collecting panic-stricken children and servants, along with a few refugees to make the trip. One sister volunteered to take a small group of the younger children, numbering among them many babies only a year old. An old woman who had been a faithful servant in the linen room of the convent wished to go with the party which started out only to be subjected to a rain of bullets from the neighbourhood. While the sister and children continued on their problematical escape, the old servant grew frightened and returned to the convent. Only a few yards had been traversed even at that time, but as she turned back a bullet hit her in the neck and she fell alongside the wall of the school building. There she lay until a coolie from the convent attempted to rescue her. As he stooped to pick the old woman up, a shot caught him also and he crumpled up. Other attempts were made to bring the two wounded back, but each attempt ended without success and it soon became only too apparent that the two were dead, and that snipers were on a careful lookout for any person who appeared outside the convent. The sister with her small charges arrived safely inside the Settlement, however, and thence went to St. Joseph's Institution in Rue Montauban.

The Change of Wind.

By this time the covered playground of the Institution was in flames and the buildings which were joined together by the wooden framework of the shed in jeopardy. Several times during the day the sisters remarked that the wind changed, and the danger was averted for a time. This was providential as any attempt to put the fire out was met by a fusillade from the encompassing snipers who appeared to be focusing on the convent. The refugees inside, however, declared that the firing was less directed against the institution as such than an attempt to blow away the fumes of the high buildings which were interlarded with a longer range into Chapel. The falling shells on the roof bore out this opinion, also.

At 5 p.m. it was decided that the remaining students of the convent should be evacuated as by this time the garden of the place was entirely open to marauders should any appear. The surrounding Chinese houses which formed a sort of barrier for the convent compound had been burned to the ground. Counting sisters, children, and servants a party of almost 350 prepared to depart. Some of them managed to traverse Jukong Road, and thence on to the Settlement. It was impossible to get richa coolies, and as many of the children were quite small and all frightened an almost insurmountable problem presented itself. Six of the sisters, moreover, were unable to walk. Shortly after the first preparations were going forward inside the convent Father Jacquot who had come to do whatever he could to rescue the convent folk appeared. The work was greatly hastened and the evacuation carried out. With the exception of four sisters who went out to St. Joseph's Convent, all the children who have no homes to go to, and the sisters were lodged in St. Joseph's Institution where they will remain until they can return to Chapel.

Disappointed Marauders.

Word from the Institution said that following the departure of the convent authorities and dependants, Red soldiers swarmed through the ground floor of the place with the obvious intention of feasting throughout the night. As the food supply which had sufficed during the two-day siege for all these inside the convent was beginning to run low at the end of that time, the soldiers found their fun somewhat impaired, and left before morning. The servant who remained and who brought the message to St. Joseph's, declared that the institution was then filled with 300 homeless Chinese from adjoining districts. Two coolies who had remained to look after things, at the convent had been killed by picking up an unexploded shell, but apart from these, it is not thought that any of the actual inhabitants of the convent have been injured.

All the religious vestments had to be left at the convent, although the sacred vessels were gathered up and carried to safety. At the first moment of quietness the sisters will return and clear up the debris of the institution, to open it up again.

"WATCH" TOM MANN.

Telegrams from the Far East announce the arrival at Canton of a party of Communists from Moscow, one of them being a Frenchman, another an American, and a third our own revolutionary veteran, Tom Mann, who, since his association with the Russian Reds, has become notorious as the ruddiest "Red" among them. Known here as the "stormy petrel of industry," Tom Mann, now a septuagenarian, but still very active, has become chairman of the Red Nationalist minority movement, and at the moment is on the safest ground in the world for one of his ilk. He has been imprisoned and fined, has worked as a labourer, miner, and engineer, has kept a public house, observes the "China Express and Telegraph."



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MR. O'MALLEY.

HIS FATHER A HONG KONG OFFICIAL.

OLD ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

By this time everyone has heard of Mr. Owen St. Clair O'Malley, the "China Express and Telegraph" (London), says. The youthful features of the Counsellor of Legation from Peking who has just won his spurs in the British Diplomatic Service, are familiar to the newspaper readers of this country.

Much, however, as we have heard of Mr. O'Malley since his advent at Hankow, his personality is still somewhat of a mystery to many people. Even the pronunciation of his name is not always the same, for some talk of O'Malley, others pronounce it as spelt, and a very few, who like to be different, speak his name as if he were one of the inhabitants of rubber land.

Connection With Hong Kong. The obscurity that surrounded Mr. O'Malley is chiefly due to the fact that the greater part of his official life has been spent as a clerk in the Foreign Office, where his knowledge of China and Chinese conditions has always been regarded as a valuable asset. Now only 40 years of age, he was made Counsellor of the Legation at Peking in 1923, and the successful conclusion of the Hankow negotiations means that he will probably be heard of a great deal more in the future. People in the East will be interested to know that Mr. O'Malley is the younger son of Sir Edward Loughlin O'Malley, who was Attorney-General for Hong Kong from 1879 to 1889 and Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements from 1889 to 1892. Indeed, his family, an Anglo-Irish one, is reputed to have had much to do with the Far East. When in England Mr. O'Malley lives quietly at Ockham, in Surrey.

THE WRONG MAN.

TRADING ON BROTHERLY LIKENESS?

SUMMARY COURT CASE.

The similarity of features between two twin brothers led to the appearance in the Summary Court yesterday of the brother who was not the subject of the claim in question. The brother in Court claimed that he had been served with the writ by a European bailiff. He, however, was not concerned in the claim of the plaintiff for \$1,000 in respect of a loan. The real defendant had been absent from the Colony for some months.

The bailiff stated that the man in Court, although like him, was not the man who had been pointed out to him by the plaintiff and on whom he had served the writ. The man on whom the writ had been served had a white beard. This man had not.

His Honour, Mr. F. Jacks, said he could not believe the story of the brother in Court. He thought the writ had probably been served on the real defendant, but it was a mystery how the other man came to be in possession of it.

After hearing proof of the loan, His Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff against the missing brother.

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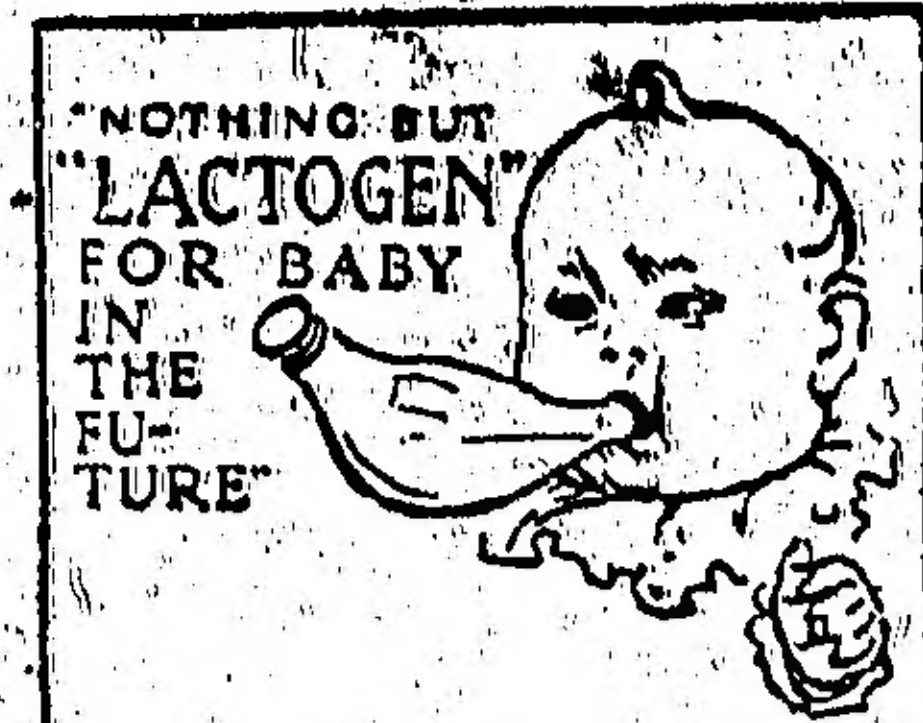
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GOING NORTH.

STILL MORE TROOPS TO SAIL.

ENCAMPMENT WORK HALTS?

The s.s. "Bellerophon" has arrived from Shanghai and is taking on stores alongside the wharf. If the loading is completed in time, the ship will leave this evening for Shanghai with the headquarters of the 13th Infantry Brigade. Work in connection with the transfer of guns and supplies has been proceeding on the s.s. "Vasna" since yesterday evening and when it is completed, the 1st Green Howards, the 1st Brigade R.A. and the 4th Pack Brigade R.A. will embark for Shanghai. The "Vasna" will sail to-morrow or Thursday. It is rumoured that, owing to the departure of troops from Hong Kong, work on the encampment at Shamshui (this was estimated to cost \$500,000 and includes the fitting of electricity and water mains, the construction of roads, etc., and the erection of hundreds of huts) will not be proceeded with further, but there is no confirmation of this. The destroyer "Stirling" and the submarines L1 and L5 left Hong Kong yesterday under sealed orders. The crews of all warships in the harbour have been ordered to stand by. It is stated that the "Titanic" and further submarines are to leave for the North on Friday.

ARMY Y.M.C.A.

Appointments to Shanghai Defence Force. The following Service intelligence has arrived by mail from Home: Mr. D. G. Lees, General Secretary of the Aldershot Y.M.C.A., and Mr. E. Brown, General Secretary of the Ipswich organisation, have been selected to leave for China immediately to provide home comforts and recreation for the troops at Shanghai. The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on Feb. 18:—Commandr. E. J. Shelley, to "Durban"; Lieut. R. L. M. Edwards, to "Titanic", additional (Feb. 28); and to "Titanic", for command of a submarine (on arrival). Shanghai has learnt by experience that it is unwise to be caught unprepared. The Settlement borders are, therefore, ringed by barbed wire entanglements. Gates or zig-zag entrances prevent the barricades from being rushed, but allow unrestricted traffic, both on foot and on wheels, during normal times.

Home Manoeuvres.

The Spanish cruiser "Elas de Lezo," which has been ordered to Shanghai, is a comparatively new ship, launched in 1922 and completed in 1925, a vessel of 4,725 metric tons, carrying six 6-in. guns, and a crew of 543 officers and men. Reports that in view of the call on the Army for defensive purposes in China the Army manoeuvres this year will not take place are not accurate. There will be brigade and divisional manoeuvres as usual; moreover, there will be a combined attack and attempted landing by naval forces at Portsmouth, in which a good number of troops will be employed on land. Married Quarters. It has been decided that soldiers on the married quarters roll forming part of the Shanghai Defence Force may, as a special case, during the period of separation from their families, receive lodging, fuel, and light allowances, at the married rates, or the corresponding provision in kind, subject to the normal deduction of 1s. a day from marriage allowance. Where, however, families are allowed to remain in married quarters during the soldiers' absence, no lodging allowance will be payable, and the issue of fuel and light in kind may continue, no rent being payable, but 1s. a day being deducted from marriage allowance. Families of recognised married officers and of all other ranks may elect to proceed at public expense to their selected place of residence in Great Britain or Northern Ireland, or, if already in occupation of quarters, to remain in occupation thereof, provided the quarters are not required for occupation by an entitled officer or soldier at the station.

PIRACY MENACE.

SEARCHING AT SINGAPORE SUGGESTED.

COLONIAL OFFICE REPLY.

London, March 28. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. W. Foot Mitchell (Conservative), who suggested that all Chinese passengers embarking at Singapore for Far Eastern ports should be searched for arms and their baggage examined, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for Colonies, pointed out that it was the practice to search Chinese passengers embarking at Singapore whenever information giving grounds for suspicion was received, but to search every ship would cause a great delay to commerce, and was opposed by the local shipping agents. He was not yet satisfied that the circumstances called for such a drastic measure.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS.

SOVIET AND PEKING AGITATORS.

AMERICANS CHANGE OPINION.

Shanghai, March 29. A message from Peking states that allegations are being made in many quarters that the Soviet Government distributed considerable sums of money in Peking last month for agitation purposes. Police are taking active measures hunting out agitators and suspects and closely scrutinising newspapers and news agencies to prevent the publication of pro-Southern propaganda. Numbers of Americans, hitherto pro-Nationalist, are modifying their views considerably as a result of the Nanking incident. Some of them are apprehensive, in spite of official assurances, and are sending their families from China.—Reuter.

SET OF THE WIND.

LIBERAL WINS LATEST BY-ELECTION.

London, March 28. The North Southwark by-election caused by Dr. L. Haden Guest, M.P., resigning from the Labour Party resulted as follows:—E. A. Strauss (Liberal) 7,334; G. Isaacs (Labour) 6,187; Dr. Haden Guest (Independent Constitutionalist) 3,215.—Reuter. The poll for North Southwark in the general election resulted as follows:—Dr. L. Haden Guest (Labour) 8,115; E. A. Strauss (Liberal) 7,085; and J. C. Llewellyn (Conservative), 3,305. There are 14,509 male and 11,388 female electors in North Southwark. Dr. Haden Guest resigned as a protest against Labour's policy as regards China.

LAND FORCES.

EFFORTS TO REDUCE THEM FAIL.

DISAGREEMENT AT GENEVA.

Geneva, March 28. The Preparatory Disarmament Committee discussed the limitation of land forces. Mr. Sato (Japan) declared he was unable to agree to the British draft convention because it would be very difficult to change the present military system in Japan. M. de Broeckere (Belgium) advocated shortening the term of military service and reduction of military expenditure. M. Paul Boncour (France) stressed the limitation of expenditure. Mr. Gibson (America) said the United States had already reduced land forces. He favoured regional agreements. Lord Cecil regretted that he was unable to persuade M. Paul Boncour, M. de Broeckere and Mr. Sato to agree to the British view, but he would not persist in view of the necessity of unanimity.—Reuter. Lord Cecil fails. Rugby, March 23. Following speeches made by the French and Belgian delegates at to-day's meeting in Geneva of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference, Lord Cecil said he recognised that his arguments had failed. The French and Belgian delegates had maintained the position that it was impossible to limit the number of the annual contingent, and that the nations represented needed to train their whole manhood. Lord Cecil, in reply, said he advocated limitation of the numbers and limitation of the period of service. Some delegates adopted the view that it was impossible to limit the annual contingent, and that it was unthinkable that the system of ballot should be introduced. But he understood that in the system of conscription there was a standard by which certain numbers were rejected, and if it was desired to reduce the contingent, all that was necessary was to raise the qualifications. We understood that before the war the German Government only recruited sixty per cent. of their annual contingent. Unanimity Essential. According to the Belgian representative, States required the whole of their population for the defence of their country. If that were so, that was an end of the argument, and there was no point in discussing methods of limitation. Lord Cecil concluded by saying he had done his best, and he recognised he had failed. He had not succeeded in shaking the convictions of any of those who supported the opposite thesis. The Committee could settle nothing except by unanimity. He could not impose his ideas on the rest, and it was evidently useless for him to persist in attempting to establish his point of view, though he still maintained it was right.—British Wireless Service.

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